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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-31 (Cancelled).

32. (Previously Presented) A skin engaging member in the form of a narrow elongated strip of dimensions suitable for placement on a razor cartridge, said skin engaging member comprising two disparately colored, solid polymeric layers, said layers comprising an erodible skin engaging layer of a first color and overlying a non-skin engaging layer of a different color, said skin engaging layer comprising a blend of an amount of water soluble shaving aid and a water insoluble polymer, said shaving aid being water-leachable from said skin-engaging layer, and said non-skin engaging layer comprising a water insoluble polymer, wherein said skin engaging layer erodes during shaving to provide a color change that signals that the razor cartridge should be replaced.

33. (Previously Presented) The skin engaging member of claim 32 wherein said water soluble shaving aid comprises polyethylene oxide.

34. (Previously Presented) The skin engaging member of claim 33 wherein said water insoluble polymer in said skin engaging layer comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of nylon, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene and polyacetal.

35. (Previously Presented) The skin engaging member of claim 34 wherein said water insoluble polymer in said non-skin engaging layer comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, high impact polystyrene, polypropylene, filled polypropylene and nylon.

36. (Previously Presented) The skin engaging member of claim 35 wherein said non-skin engaging layer additionally comprises a water soluble polymer.

37. (Previously Presented) The skin engaging member of claim 32 wherein said skin engaging layer comprises an elongated sheath and said non-skin engaging layer comprises a core extending axially throughout said sheath.

38-39. (Cancelled).

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40. (Previously Presented) A razor cartridge comprising a blade and a skin engaging member affixed adjacent said blade, said skin engaging member in the form of a narrow elongated strip of dimensions suitable for placement on a the razor cartridge, said skin engaging member comprising two disparately colored, solid polymeric layers, said layers comprising an erodible skin engaging layer of a first color and overlying a non-skin engaging layer of a different color, said skin engaging layer comprising a blend of an amount of water soluble shaving aid and a water insoluble polymer, said shaving aid being water-leachable from said skin-engaging layer, and said non-skin engaging layer comprising a water insoluble polymer, wherein said skin engaging layer erodes during shaving to provide a color change that signals that the razor cartridge should be replaced.

41. (Currently Amended) The razor cartridge of claim ~~38, 39 or~~ 40 wherein said water soluble shaving aid comprises polyethylene oxide.

42. (Previously Presented) A razor cartridge comprising a blade and a skin engaging member affixed adjacent said blade, said skin engaging member comprising an erodible skin engaging layer of a first color overlying a non-skin engaging layer of a different color, said skin engaging layer comprising a water soluble shaving aid, and said non-skin engaging layer comprising a water insoluble polymer, wherein said skin engaging layer erodes during shaving to reveal the non-skin engaging layer and thereby provide a color signal that the razor cartridge should be replaced.